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BIOGRAPHY

Matt is a talented and accomplished attorney based in the firm's Denver and Chicago offices. His nationwide litigation practice covers nearly all types of complex business and commercial matters. Specifically, Matt's practice concentrates on food and agribusiness litigation with a focus on claims of crop loss and breach of contract, and consumer litigation with a focus on the Fair Credit Reporting Act ("FCRA"). He has handled numerous class actions, often obtaining dismissals before class certification, and has tried cases in front of state courts and arbitration panels. Matt's goal is to reach the best possible resolution for the client, and he effectively communicates with clients and advises them through all stages of litigation, including pre-litigation demands, discovery, depositions, motion practice, trial/arbitration, and appeals.

In addition to his litigation practice, Matt also serves as a trusted business advisor and helps clients identify and address legal needs. In this role, he has experience advising on compliance issues, as well as negotiating, drafting, and analyzing various types of corporate agreements, including operating agreements, services agreements, non-disclosure agreements, and consulting agreements.

Matt has also carved out a niche as one of the firm's foremost experts on issues arising under the FCRA. He has experience advising all types of clients with business activities that touch the FCRA, ranging from telecommunications companies to employers to loan servicers. He advises these clients on FCRA compliance issues and defends them in FCRA litigation across the country. Matt has successfully defended both class and individual FCRA claims using motions to dismiss, motions for summary judgment, and at trial. Matt stays current on recent FCRA developments by giving CLE presentations and authoring articles and client alerts.

Outside of his legal practice, Matt is also active in the community. He is a member of the Wartburg College Board of Regents and also volunteers as a youth baseball and soccer coach for the Southeast Denver Little League and Skyline Soccer Association. Previously, he has also been a member of the City Year Denver Associate Board, the Wartburg College West Advisory Board, and the Wartburg College Alumni Board.

Matt is a contributing author to [Financial Regulation: Emerging Themes in 2022](#) – an extensive collection of articles around the themes of Sustainability & ESG; Talent & People and I&D; Regulatory Risk & Enforcement; Governance; Technology; and Changing Markets.

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT & HONORS

- Wartburg College Board of Regents, 2024–Present
- Coach, Southeast Denver Little League, 2022–Present
- Coach, Skyline Soccer Association, 2023–Present
- Wartburg College Alumni Board, 2020–2024
- Wartburg College West Advisory Board, 2018–2024
- City Year Denver Associate Board, 2017–2021

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Colorado Bar Association
- Illinois State Bar Association

- American Bar Association

COMMITTEE CONTENT

- Recruiting Committee

ADMISSIONS

- Colorado, 2015
- Illinois, 2009
- United States Supreme Court

United States Courts of Appeals for the Seventh and Ninth Circuit

United States District Courts for the District of Colorado

United States District Courts for the Northern, Central and Southern District of Illinois

United States District Courts for the Southern District of Indiana

EDUCATION

Saint Louis University, J.D., *cum laude*, 2009

Wartburg College, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2006

RELATED PRACTICE AREAS

- Business & Commercial Disputes
- Consumer Finance Disputes
- Eminent Domain
- Banking & Finance Disputes
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Class Actions & Mass Torts
- Financial Institutions
- Consumer Fraud
- Insurance (Class Actions)

- Pharmaceutical & Medical Devices (Class Actions)
- Antitrust Class Actions
- Shareholder Securities and Mergers & Acquisitions
- Food, Ag & Nutrition (Class Actions)
- Litigation
- Regulation
- Financial Services
- Employment Class & Collective Actions
- Sports (Class Actions)
- Data Privacy, Telecommunications & Collections
- Environmental and Toxic Tort Team
- Enforcement
- Class Actions

RESOURCES

PUBLICATIONS

- [“WATCH THIS SPACE - How will the CFPB maintain its focus on compliance and enforcement in 2023?”](#) BCLP Emerging Themes in Financial Regulation, January 2023
- Co-Author, [“Mid-Year Check-In: CFPB Taking Aim at The Fair Credit Reporting Act,”](#) BCLP Client Alert, July 2022
- Author, [“Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Recent Compliance and Regulatory Trends As We Look Towards 2022,”](#) BCLP Emerging Themes in Financial Regulation, January 2022
- Co-Author, [“TransUnion v. Ramirez: The Supreme Court Further Narrows Article III Standing and Rejects ‘No Injury’ Class Actions,”](#) June 2021
- Co-Author, [“The CARES Act: CFPB Provides Additional Guidance For Credit Reporting During the COVID-19 Pandemic,”](#) BCLP Client Alert, June 2020
- Co-Author, [“The CARES Act: Guidance For Servicing Federal and Private Student Loans in the U.S. During the COVID-19 Pandemic,”](#) BCLP Client Alert, April 2020
- Co-Author, [“FDA Issues Guidance on Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitizer Production in Response to COVID-19,”](#) BCLP Client Alert, March 2020

- Co-Author, "COVID-19: FDA and USDA Guidance on Worker Safety and Sanitation in Food Production Facilities," BCLP Client Alert, March 2020
- Co-Author, "[CARES Act: Modifications to FCRA Obligations on Furnishers of Credit Information](#)," BCLP Client Alert, March 2020
- Co-Author, "The Ninth Circuit Addresses Article III Standing and the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act," BCLP Client Alert, September 2019
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- Co-Author, "*Dutta*: The Ninth Circuit Strikes Another Blow to FCRA Plaintiffs," BCLP Client Alert, August 2018
- Co-Author, "[Loans in Dispute: A Look at the Fair Credit Reporting Act and the Evolving Guidance for Using Compliance Condition Codes](#)," *The Banking Law Journal*, June 2018
- Co-Author, "Use of Compliance Condition Codes: Recent Developments and Unanswered Questions Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act," Colorado Bar Association Business Law Section Newsletter, February 2018
- Co-Author, "*Spokeo IV*: Cert Denied and the Circuit Splits Left Behind," BCLP Client Alert, February 2018
- Author, "The *Erie Doctrine* & *McDonnell Douglas* Framework: Much Ado About Nothing or an Issue Worth Analyzing?" *Louis University Law Journal*, Vol. 53, No. 3, Spring 2009
- Co-Author, "Commission Without A Contract: What Now?" *Art Calendar Magazine*, October 2008

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Credit Reporting Dispute Codes: Recent Developments Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act," Colorado Bar Association Business Law Section CLE, February 2018

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